News-Item "Teaspoon of Turmeric a Day Keeps Cancer at Bay : NIN study"

3711. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to die news-hem captioned, "Teaspoon of turmeric a day keeps cancer at bay: NIN study", published in the News-time, dated the 30m July; 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to give maximum publicity to die conclusion of the decade long studies by die National Institute of Nutrition in this regard for public benefit?

THE MINISTEROFSTATEINTHEMINISTRYOFHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): A recent study conducted by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, suggests that die use of turmeric can reduce the incidence of various types of cancer. No decision had been taken yet to promote this aspect, though health education for prevention of cancer is being undertaken under National Cancer Control Programme.

Ineffective Malaria Eradication! Programme

† 3712. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will die Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact mat Malaria Eradication Programme being implemented by Government has become ineffective for die last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons tfierefor;

(c) the details of amount allocated by Government under this programme for the last two years to the States along wftn die amount utilised by diem. State-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact dot some State Governments have requested Government to increase their allocations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OFSTATE WTHEMIhuSTOYOFHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No. Sir. The data collected by Die. ofNAMP indicates a declining trend of Malarial incidence.

(b) Does not arise.

† Original notice of die question was received in Hindi.